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It is yet too early in the year to give general information as to the programme for the spring season. There is however no great promise of original American books, most of those of which we have so far heard being republications.

THE second volume of Vice-President Wilson's "History of the Rise and Fall of the Slave Power in the United States" is approaching publication in book form at the Osgoods. The *Independent* has been publishing the work as a serial.

Now is the day of reckoning. We trust the balance sheets will all show on the right side. But January is apt to be the "blue Monday" of the book trade.

THE removal of Jas. R. Osgood & Co. to their new and commodious quarters, where they have ample facilities for the development of their heliotype process, is to be noted in the column of business changes.

THE sixth thousand of "What Can She Do?" was sold by Dodd & Mead within one week. Its success has also enlivened the sale of "Barriers Burned Away," and fresh orders for that work have been received from jobbers.

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The Coming Convention.

THE notices and letters printed elsewhere officially inform the trade of the progress of the movement against underselling, and of the postponement of the proposed convention of the trade until February 12. We have before urged such postponement, and we believe it wise. During this month of January, publishers, jobbers, and retailers alike are busy closing last year's books and taking account of stock; but by February, one of the dull months of the year, all this is finished, and there is no reason why there should not be a large attendance at Cincinnati of the trade from all parts of the country.

It is really a matter of economy to be present at that convention, for its success will depend largely upon the fulness of the representation of the trade—and that success means such a reform of trade evils as will "put money in the purse" of every live member of the trade. If the dealer thinks that the past year has been too poor a one to allow him to make the journey, let him remember that it is largely because of the difficulty,

which it is hoped the convention will remedy, that his profits have been so small. The present is the opportunity to utter such a protest as will show every one in the trade the true bearing of this demoralizing evil. The movement and the convention, let us add, though originating in the West, are entirely national in scope, and it is to be hoped also that the publishers as well as retailers will be present or represented at the meeting. It should not be one of opposition of one part of the trade to another, but of taking counsel together, in the effort to ameliorate evils which the very slightest consideration shows to be harmful to all alike.

We trust that those who cannot be present at the convention, though indorsing its purpose, will communicate at once with the secretary, Mr. Gunn, with such suggestions as may be thought useful. Much remains to be done before the meeting of the convention to make its work useful and effective. There should be, as we have before said, as general an agreement as possible beforehand as to the questions to be discussed, and the best methods of disposing of them. For all such pur-

poses of preliminary discussion our columns are wide open. We shall continue to discuss these questions editorially until the date of the meeting, but our especial desire is to draw out the views of the trade as to the proper remedies in point. That is, after all, the main question.

THE press of matter on our columns during the holiday season has prevented the publication of several letters and other matter. These will be given in good part in the next number, with which will also be included the title page and index to the last semi-annual volume of the WEEKLY.

Booksellers' Protective Union.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 25, 1873.

THE next meeting of this association has been postponed to Feb. 12, 1874. This is done at the instance of a large number of friends of the movement to give time to communicate with the publishers, and in the hope that the meeting in February will be a general meeting of booksellers and publishers, and result in much good to the trade.

J. W. GUNN, Springfield, O.	} Executive Committee.
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SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 25, 1873.

To the Publishers and Jobbers of Books.

DEAR SIR: It is made the duty of the Executive Committee of "The Booksellers' Protective Union" to submit to you the accompanying letter, which is signed by most of the leading booksellers from West Va. to Kansas, and from the Lakes to Tennessee. So much has been said upon the general subject of the letter through the columns of the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, and in other journals, that it is not at all necessary to elaborate the petitions.

You will see by a notice in this number of the WEEKLY that the next meeting of the "Booksellers' Protective Union" has been postponed to Thursday, February 12, 1874, and will take place at the Burnett House, Cincinnati, O.

We hope to have many responses to this communication, and invite publishers and jobbers generally to meet with us in convention at that time. From the facts that our interests are mutual, and that several publishers and jobbers have already expressed their willingness to adopt some regulations looking to a reform, we are encouraged to hope for a speedy remedy of these evils.

We shall be pleased to have communications from any publisher or jobber who cannot meet with us in convention.

Respectfully yours,

J. W. GUNN, Springfield, O.	} Executive Committee.
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To the Publishers and Jobbers of Books.

"GENTLEMEN: At a Convention of Western Booksellers, held at Cincinnati, October 16, 1873, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, A great irregularity exists in the book trade, viz.: publishers and jobbers selling books to persons not in the trade, at nearly the same discount as to the trade, and in some instances at even a greater discount, therefore

"Resolved, 1. That we consider the foregoing irregularity as very detrimental to the interests of both the publishers and retail dealers.

"Resolved, 2. That the various publishers and jobbers throughout the country are under obligations to the trade to immediately discontinue this custom, and furnish no one outside the trade with books at any other than the regular retail prices, *except* school books for *first* introduction."

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LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

A NEW story of Italian Life has been completed by Mr. Howells, editor of the *Atlantic*, which will be first published in that magazine.

READERS of those charming English fictions, "The Rose Garden" and "Unawares," will be glad to learn that their author has written a third novel, "Thorpe Regis," which Roberts Bros. will reprint.

THE author of "The Member from Paris," Mr. Granville Murray, has a new story, "The Young Brown," which Jas. R. Osgood & Co. will republish.

THE American Bible Revision Committee, in co-operation with the British Committee, have just finished the revision of Genesis and Matthew, and sent it to England. The committee hold regular monthly sessions in the Bible House, and are making steady progress; but the nature of the work is such that it will require several years of patient and painstaking toil. Dr. Schaff, of the Union Theological Seminary, is the President; Prof. Day, of Yale College, the Corresponding Secretary; Prof. Short, of Columbia College, the Treasurer of the whole committee. Ex-President Woolsey, of New Haven, is Chairman of the New Testament Company, and Dr. Green, of Princeton, is Chairman of the Old Testament Company.

THE January number of *Old and New* contains an interesting glance backward over the leading books of the year, by F. B. Perkins. Here is what he says amusingly of the Verne books:

The Jules Verne books—charmingly probable and charmingly impossible—have appeared in this year. They belong to its best fiction. Every one will like them except the *New York Observer*. That journal counts fiction, except when Dr. Prime puts it into his own travels, as "forgery and counterfeiting." Indeed, nobody knows how they manage about the parables of the "New Testament." But, fortunately, nobody cares. The rest of the world delights in these delicious and instructive exaggerations and imaginations of Verne.

THE February *Scribner* is to contain a reply to Rev. Mr. Blauvelt's now famous articles on modern infidelity.

ANOTHER musical novel, "Music and Money," is nearly completed by Mr. Charles Barnard, who will be remembered as the author of the admirable juvenile called the "Tone-Masters," and of the musical story of "The Soprano."

IN its number for December 27 the *Athenæum* will publish a series of articles on the Literature of Continental Countries during 1873. Among the articles will be Belgium, by MM. E. de Iaveleye and P. Frédéricq; Denmark, by M. E. Jessen; France, by M. Gustave Masson; Germany, by Prof. Zimmerman; Greece, by Prof. Comnès; Holland, by Herr von Hellwald; Hungary, by Prof. Vambéry; Italy, by Prof. A. de Gubernatis; Norway, by M. Petersen; Russia, by Mr. E. Schuyler; Servia and Croatia, by M. Popovic; Spain, by Don Riaño; and Sweden, by M. Almkvist.

MR. CHAS. F. RICHARDSON, the popular office editor of the *Independent*, is to become the literary editor of that journal with the number for January 8. He is to enlarge the department by including current literary news, and publishers may be sure that under his management the department will be prompt and vigorous. It yet remains to be seen of what literary character he will make his columns, but there is good reason to believe they will be of the best.

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HENRY HOLT & Co. have received a letter inquiring the price of "the Autobiography of John Stuart Mill by himself."

THE New York *Herald* has recently begun to devote a great deal of space to literary correspondence, book reviews, and literary and art news. The literary department, indeed, forms now one of the most valuable features of the Sunday edition.

BY arrangement with the Paris publishers, from whom they have received advance sheets, Messrs. Benziger Brothers will issue a translation of Mgr. Gaume's new book, "Le Cimetière au XIX. Siècle, ou le dernier mot des Solidaires."

MR. PAUL B. DU CHAILLU has returned from his third Scandinavian journey in fine health and spirits, looking better than ever, after scouring Sweden and Norway, hobnobbing with the Finns and Lapps, and travelling with his reindeers, like St. Nicholas, in close proximity to the north pole. He has brought back with him many interesting pictures and reminiscences of travel, which will be embodied in a volume to be published simultaneously in London and New York next fall. He prefers the regions of the midnight sun, on the whole, to equatorial Africa.—*Harper's Bazar*.

THE Boston *Globe* really thinks that the whole world is included in its periphery. Referring to another recent publication of Henry Holt & Co.,

it says: "We find the book filled—as we find all other books we receive from Holt & Co. filled—with the announcement that they publish the best gift-book of the season, namely, 'Taine's Pyrenees, illustrated by Doré.' We have seen no such volume, and begin to doubt if it has ever been published." So capitally-put a hint ought to be taken.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

SCHEM'S STATISTICS OF THE WORLD. (G. J. Moulton, New York.) After many delays, we understand, on account of the difficulties caused by cramming a mass of information in the smallest compass, this valuable little publication has made its appearance, and promises to be permanently established as a semi-annual publication. The tables are practically arranged for consultation at a glance, giving the statistics of all countries of the globe in parallel columns, under the following headings: Area, form of government, head of government, population, expenses, public debt, paper money, standing army, navy, merchant vessels, imports and exports, chief produce, coins (and their value at the United States Mint), weights (compared with both pounds avoirdupois and kilogrammes), linear measures (compared with both feet and metres), measures of capacity (compared with bushels, gallons, and metres), the population of capitals, principal cities, and seaports, with the year of census. In addition to the above, there are various side tables exhibiting statistics of Christianity, religious statistics of Europe and of the United States, railroads of the world and of the United States, postal and telegraph statistics of the world, the Presidents of the United States, and Presidential elections from 1788 to 1872, school statistics of the United States, etc. The statistical year-books, public records, almanacs, and periodicals, both of America and Europe, have been carefully compared, and the information on all subjects brought down to November, 1873. As many of the subjects embraced within the scope of these tables, such as form of government, area, population of the country, population of the cities, imports, exports, expenses, public debt, are constantly changing, the value of a work which furnishes the very latest information is obvious. These Tables form an indispensable supplement to all historical and geographical works, and especially to cyclopædias, and should be in the hands of every one who takes an interest in the progress of the world. The tables are issued in oblong atlas form, bound in neat boards, for handy reference. Price 50 c.

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